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SUBJECT:LETTER TO THE SECRETARY FROM BRAZILIAN FOREIGN
MINISTER SILVEIRA

1. FOLLOWING FYI IS TEXT OF LETTER TO THE SECRETARY
FROM FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA DATED MARCH 8 AND DELIVERED
BY THE BRAZILIAN EMBASSY ON MARCH 9.

2. BEGIN TEXT: MY DEAR HENRY, AS WE EXPECTED, YOU AND
I, THE SIGNING OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CAUSED
SOME REACTION. THAT FROM LATIN AMERICA, WHICH WAS LESS
THAN I HAD ANTICIPATED, WILL, I BELIEVE, BE SOON ABSORBED.
IN THE UNITED STATES, I THINK IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME AND
SOME EFFORT BEFORE CERTAIN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE QUARTERS
BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO THE IDEA THAT A GROWING NUMBER OF NEW
PARTNERS WILL SHOW UP IN THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE, TO WHOM
RECOGNITION SHOULD BE GIVEN OF THE ROLE ASSURED THEM BY
VIRTUE OF THEIR SPECIFIC WEIGHT.

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3. A NEEDLESS AND UNPLEASANT EXAMPLE OF MISUNDERSTANDINGS

WHICH STILL PREVAIL BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WAS THAT OF THE BEHAVIOR OF MR. LEONARD GARMENT IN THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AT GENEVA. I HEARD THAT HIS ATTACKS ON BRAZIL WERE AMONG THE HARSHTEST EVER ADDRESSED TO

ANY COUNTRY WITHIN THAT BODY. NOW THIS WAS ALL THE MORE SURPRISING SINCE THE COMMISSION WAS IN POSSESSION OF A REPORT FROM THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS RECOMMENDING THE CLOSING OF THE DOSSIER ON BRAZIL, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN DONE BY CONSENSUS HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR MR. GARMENT'S MANEUVERS; AS A RESULT, THE RECOMMENDATION WAS ACCEPTED ONLY BY VOTE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WHEREAS THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WITH WHICH WE MAINTAIN SPECIAL RELATIONS AND AGREEMENTS OF UNDERSTANDING EITHER VOTED AGAINST, AS DID THE UNITED STATES, OR ABSTAINED.

4. I AM SENDING YOU HERewith THE TEXT OF THE SPEECH WHICH I INTEND TO DELIVER TOMORROW AT THE SEMINAR ORGANIZED IN RIO DE JANEIRO BY THE LONDON "FINANCIAL TIMES". IN IT, I ENDEAVOR TO SHOW THE SERENITY OF BRAZIL'S INTERNATIONAL POSTURES AND GIVE SOME DIRECT AND INDIRECT REPLIES TO CRITICISMS OF THE NEW MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. WARM GREETINGS FROM ANTONIO. END TEXT.

5. TEXT OF SPEECH BEING POUCHED. KISSINGER

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